THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has received 307 proposals aggregating to about 49,500 kms. for declaration of new National Highways in various States.

(c) and (d) Dharbanga-Jai Nagar Road has been declared as National Highway No. 105, Birpur-Madhepura Road forms part of National Highway No. 106 and Hazipur-Mushrigarari has been declared as National Highway No. 103.

Improvement of Roads in Bihar and Jharkhand

†4642. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent by Government for improvement of roads in Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) whether less funds have been allocated to Bihar and Jharkhand for improvement of roads as compared to other States during the above period; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) Funds allocated and spent during last 3 years for development and maintenance of National Highways in the State of Bihar and Jharkand are given below :

(Amount Rs. in Crores)

Year	BIHAR				JHARKHAND			
	Original work		Maintenance & Repair		Original work		Maintenance & Repair	
	Allo-Cation	Expendi-ture	Allo-cation	Expendi-ture	Allo-cation	Expendi-ture	Allo-cation	Expen-diture
1999-2000	60.00	59.50	119.08	90.59	—	—	—	—
2000-2001	62.00	60.14	64.49	49.46	22.00	11.89	9.61	7.72
2001-2002	51.00	50.18	44.90	38.23	35.00	29.71	19.99	19.76

Note: (i) Jharkhand came into existence in Nov. 2000.
(ii) Amount for special repair crash programme 1999-2000 is included in M&R Allocation & Expenditure.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Funds have been allocated to the States of Bihar and Jharkhand as per set norms. Even the allocated funds are not fully utilised by these States.

Condition of National Highways in Bihar and Jharkhand

4643. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of bad and deteriorating condition of National Highways in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) whether any instructions have 'been issued to the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount spent during 2001-2002 on maintenance and upkeep of National Highways in each of these States;

(e) the places where this amount has been spent; and

(f) by when all these Highways would be repaired fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI] (a) Development and Maintenance of National Highways is taken up in phases within available resources. The present status of National Highways in these States is given as under:

Length in Kms.

		Bihar	Jharkhand	Total
1.	Total Length	3358.40	1623.25	4981.65
2.	Planned for 4 laning under National Highway Development Programme	721.00	192.00	913.00
3.	Length improved under			
	(a) Improvement of Riding quality Programme:	618.00	175.00	793.00
	(b) Periodical renewal	570.00	390.00	960.00
	Total Length improved so far	1188.00	565.00	1753.00